

~~Figure 5B is a pictorial view, corresponding to Figure 1B, of a knife according to the present invention that illustrates an alternative to the knife shown therein.~~

In the Drawings:

Delete Figures 5A and 5B.

In the Detailed Description of a Preferred Embodiment

Amend the paragraph on Page 7 beginning at line 3 as follows:

The front side ~~14~~ 12 of the knife ~~12~~ 10 includes spaced deflector ridges 18a and 18b that project therefrom. Each of the deflector ridges 18a and 18b is characterized by a single linear edge 13a and 13b respectively (Figure 1A). The deflector ridges define a channel 34 having a channel surface 34a. The channel 34 is effectively a recess in the front side of the knife, which may be provided in other configurations, such as a keyway. The deflector ridges also define two lower knife-edge-joining portions 38a and 38b that terminate in respective cutting edges 16a and 16b.

Amend the paragraph on Page 12 beginning at line 4 as follows:

In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the otherwise substantially planar clamp-facing surface portion 14a of the back side 14 of the knife includes a recess 30 that is particularly a groove, and the outer clamping member 22 includes a complementary elongate projection 32 adapted to fit into the groove, where persons of ordinary skill will immediately recognize the equivalence of providing the knife with a projection ~~(such as 30a as shown in Figures 5A and 5B)~~ and the outer